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Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview summary of 10/24/07. Drwgs of 9/9/04 are accepted for exam purposes.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 6-9.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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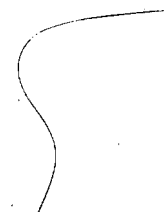
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Kueffner on 10/24/2007.

The application has been amended as follows: at line 10 of claim 1 before "induction currents" delete "which" and insert – wherein the --; at line 12 of claim 1 after "wherein the inductor (5) is" insert – comprised of inductor coils (7) and is --; at line 2 of claim 1 after "strands (1)," delete "especially steel strip,"; at line 5 of claim 1 after "guided vertically through the " delete "quide" and insert – guide --; at lines 16-17 of claim 1 after "with single-phase alternating current, and" delete "such that the device has " and insert – wherein said device further comprises --; at line 22 of claim 1 before "induction coils (7)" insert – the --; at line 23 of claim 1 before "strand (1)" delete "molten"; at line 5 of claim 1 after "channel (4) and the tank (3)" insert – in a direction of movement (x) --; at line 5 of claim 1 before "vertically through" delete "quided" and insert – guided --; at line 2 of claim 3 after "wherein" delete "the inductor (5) has an induction coil (7)" and insert – at least one of the inductor coils (7) is arranged --; at line 2 of claim 6 delete "electromagnetic inductor (5, 5a, 5b) " and insert – inductor (5) --; at line 4 of claim 6 after "of the metal strand (1) and" delete "perpendicularly" and insert – perpendicular --; at line 5 of claim 6 "after "for holding" delete "an" and insert – one of



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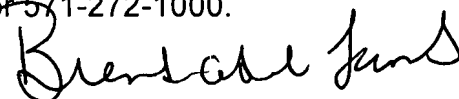
the --; at line 5 of claim 6 after "induction" delete "coil" and insert -- coils --; at lines 5-6 of claim 6 before "the correction" insert -- one of --; at 6 of claim 6 after "correction" delete "coil" and insert -- coils --; at line 2 of claim 7 after "wherein the correction" delete "coil" and insert -- coils --; at line 2 of claim 7 after "(8b)" insert --, --; at line 2 of claim 9 after "grooves (9)" delete "is" and insert --, are --; at line 3 of claim 7 before "the induction" delete "is" and insert -- are --; at line 3 of claim 7 after "the induction" delete "coil" and insert -- coils --; at line 2 of claim 8 after "least two coils" delete "(8b', 8b'', 8b''')"; at line 3 of claim 8 before "either side of the metal strand (1)" delete "in" and insert -- on --; at line 2 of claim 8 before "coils" insert -- correction --.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda A. Lamb whose telephone number is (571) 272-1231. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday and Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine Norton can be reached on (571) 272-1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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